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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

SUBJECT: Tai-yuan Urban Area

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LOCATION: Shansi Province, China

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Tai-yuan (37°52'N/112°33'E) is a growing industrial city located 265 miles southwest of Peiping. In 1956 the population of Tai-yuan was estimated by Chinese Communist sources to be 830,000.

Tai-yuan was covered by large scale, good quality aerial photography for the first time. A study of this photography indicates that considerable industrial expansion has taken place in the last several years. The area west and southwest of the old walled city has experienced the biggest change with the construction of two large chemical works, a phosphate fertilizer plant, a coal dressing plant, an ore processing plant, two heavy machine factories, a textile mill, a thermal power plant, and several other unidentified industries. New rail spurs serve this industrial complex.

New construction located north and south of the city includes two large munitions works, an explosives storage area, a thermal power plant, a probable fertilizer plant, and several new storage areas. Extensive rail changes have been made with the addition of numerous spurs, two bypasses, and three large marshalling yards.

Within the old complex of Tai-yuan a large iron and steel plant, an arsenal, a railroad equipment manufacturing and repair plant, three thermal power plants, and two railroad classification yard and shop areas are identified on the latest photography.

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